

Procedure: Certification Forms

Functional Area: VIII Certification, Eligibility & Coordination of Services

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Purpose

To outline the process of using WIC certification forms.

Certification Forms/ Minimum Requirements

The minimum requirements for the WIC Certification Form, as established by 246.7 (i) are:

- 1. Name and address of applicant
- 2. Date of initial visit to apply for benefits
- 3. An indication of whether the applicant was physically present at certification and if not, the reason why an exception was granted
- 4. Information regarding income eligibility
- 5. A description of the document(s) used to determine residency
- A description of the document(s) used to determine identity
- 7. A description of the document(s) used to determine income eligibility OR that the applicant has no income
- 8. Date of certification and medical data
- 9. Height/length, weight, and hematological test results. <u>Pregnant</u> women may be <u>temporarily</u> certified in the absence of blood work under special circumstances.
- 10. Pregnant women may be certified as presumptive eligible.
- 11. Nutritional risks which established eligibility
- 12. Signature and title of the Competent Professional Authority making the nutrition risk determination and if different, the signature and title of the person responsible for determining income eligibility
- 13. The following statements, with a space for the applicant or responsible party to sign after reading or having the statements read to them.

Certification Forms/ Minimum Requirements (cont.)

I have been advised and received a copy of my rights and responsibilities. The information that I provided to WIC is correct and current.

To provide the most current and truthful information (WIC staff may verify this information is correct).

- 14. The statement That if I intentionally lie to receive WIC benefits or if I violate the program rules that 1) My family can be taken off the program for up to one year, 2) I can face legal charges, and/or 3) I will have to pay money back to the program for foods or formula, I should not have received.
- 15. A statement regarding release of information if the State Health Officer has authorized disclosure of information to specific public organizations.

WIC Certification Forms

The Nebraska WIC Program uses two forms to meet the above requirements. The forms are:

WIC Certification Data Form – this form is printed directly from the computer system and contains all of the demographic, medical, and assessment information for the WIC client.

WIC Certification Signature Form – this form contains the client rights and responsibilities, fair hearing information, dual participation statement, WIC fraud statements, voter registration, client or guardian signature, income, residency and identification documentation, applicant presence in clinic, staff signatures, and documentation of notice of expiration of benefits and program ineligibility.

These forms also serve as data collection instruments, in the event of computer system failure, for the following:

- 1. The National WIC Minimum Data Set as established by USDA
- 2. Client food prescription and subsequent generation of WIC checks
- 3. Information used in program management and evaluation

When to Print Certification Data Form

Certification Data Forms must be printed at the initial visit.

Using the Signature Form

The Certification Signature Form must be read and signed by each client/ guardian at each certification before the process begins. The steps to complete the Certification Signature Form follow.

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1	Have client read the Rights &	Responsibilities as you	u verbally re	view them		
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	SIGNATURE	Self	Guardian/ Custodial Parent	Foster Parent	Other	Date
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5	Have client read and then initial and date the WIC Fraud box. If they are unable to read, staff should read the statement to them. WIC FRAUD I understand that: 1) selling, attempting to sell or giving away WIC checks, food or formula is not allowed; 2) if I sell, attempt to sell or give away WIC checks, food or formula I can be asked to repay the value of the items and I may be subject to legal charges; 3) posting WIC items on any media, including radio, newspaper, Facebook, Craigslist, and E-bay is considered an attempt to sell. My initials indicate that I understand that this is considered fraud. Initials: Date: Initials: Date: Initials: Date:
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6	Complete voter registration box according to guidelines found in the Voter Registration procedure. VOTER REGISTRATION If you are not registered to vote where you live now, would you like to apply to register to vote here today? If you are already registered to vote at your current address check "NO". YES XNO DATE: YES NO DATE:
7	Complete the Client Name and ID Number areas at the top of pages 2, 3 or 4. The name & ID number only needs to be written on the form in one location.
	Client Name: ID: Family ID:

	8	The documentation area should be completed by WIC staff for each certification visit. Information to assist staff in completing this area follows as steps 8 through 18.
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		Staff Signature/Title Income ID/Residency Nutrition Risk Food Package Check Assessment Assessment Prescribing Issuance
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12 The type of identification seen for clients and guardians (for minors) should be documented by checking the type of ID seen in the Identification box. If the ID seen is not represented by a box, list what type of proof was seen in the "other" box. Refer to the Client/Guardian Identification procedure for acceptable identification. IDENTIFICATION 썞 Work/ WIC Frgn/ Proof SS Other (list) DL MC School BC ID State Seen Fldr Card ŧD Card ID Adult 194 Card Minor \square Listed below are the abbreviations used in the Identification box and what each represents: > DL: Driver's License > NE WIC Folder: Nebraska WIC ID Folder > SS Card: Social Security Card ➤ MC: (Medicaid) Notice of Action or NMES line verification **BC:** Birth Certificate (certified) > WIC Infant Card: Card sent with mom for hospital or physician's office to complete Frgn/St ID: Foreign or State Identification Card Step **Action** 13 The proof seen for residency should be documented by checking the appropriate box. If the proof seen is not represented by a check box, list what was seen in the "other"box. RESIDENCY Proof Ck NoA Mail Lease Other List Seen Stub X utility bill

14 The proof shown for income should be checked. If the proof seen is not represented by a check box, list what was seen in the "other" box. INCOME Pay SS/ Child Income Tax MC Other (list) Proof Stub SSI Form Supp Ltr Seen Bank Statement Reason why Listed below are the abbreviations used in the Income box and what each represents: ➤ MC: Medicaid Notice of Action or NMES line **Pay Stub**: Paystub from employment > SS/SSI: Social Security or Supplemental Security Income > Tax Form: Most recent 1040 or other tax form showing income Child Support: Documentation showing child support actually received Income Letter: Completed WIC Income Letter 15 When clients are seen who have no (Zero) or Negative income the zero box must be marked in the Income box. The reason why the person's income is zero or negative must also be written in the Income box. INCOME SS/ Tax Pay Child Income MC Other (list) Proof Stub SSt Form Supp Ltr Seen Lost job/unemployed Ď Zero: Reason why For more information on what is appropriate documentation for proof of income refer to the Income Determination & Documentation procedure. Step Action

16	When a client is unable to provide proof of either, residency, identification or income the "No Proof Box" must be completed. The corresponding box that indicates what proof (identification, residency or income), the client is unable to provide should be marked. The reason why proof cannot be provided is written on the "Reason" line. The client/responsible party must initial the line title "Client Initials". An example of a completed box is shown below: No Proof Reason: Paid in Cash Client Initials MB Client Initials Client Initials
17	The signature(s) and title(s) of staff who participate in the certification of the client are placed here. Staff should check the box(es) to indicate the part(s) they completed for the certification visit. Staff who make more than one determination need to only sign one line and check the appropriate boxes indicating the actions they took.
	An example is shown below:
	Staff Signature/Title Income ID/Residency Nutrition Risk Food Package Check Assessment Assessment Assessment Prescribing Issuance
	Anna Sanchez X L D X
	Lorí Johnson, RN XJ
	Marla Lewandowkí, RD 0 XJ XD U
18	Fill in the date and staff initials when clients are given notification their benefits are about to expire in the locations shown below. Notification That Benefits Are About to Expire Was Given On: 6/26/10 By: SB
19	Fill in the date and staff initials when a client is found to be ineligible for the program and given an ineligibility letter documenting the reason for termination.
	List the termination code for this client.
	Ineligibility Documentation Given On: 7/30/10 Staff Initials SB Termination Code/Reason: D

Certification Form Revisions

The Certification Forms are designed and produced by the State WIC office in consultation with the Local Agencies.

Revisions to the Certification Forms are made as necessary.

Translated Form

The Certification Signature Form is available in Spanish. The Spanish version of the form may be ordered from the State WIC Office using the WIC Materials Order Form.

Retention of Forms

The Certification Signature Form with the original signature of the applicant/ responsible party is retained in the applicant's file as the official documentation of application and eligibility determination.

The Certification Data Form is to be printed and retained in the applicant's file for each person applying for the program.

Completing Certification Information in the Computer System

At the time of the certification visit, all applicable information on the computer screens is to be completed. Detailed descriptions for completing this may be found in the Participant Processing User's Guide.

Sample of Forms

A sample of the Certification Data Form, Certification Signature Form, and Spanish translation of the signature form follow.

NEBRASKA WIC CERTIFICATION DATA FORM

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Food Pkg.

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NUTRITION DATA

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NEBRASKA WIC CERTIFICATION SIGNATURE FORM

CLIENT'S RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Your Rights:

- WIC will provide you with information about nutrition, breastfeeding, and healthy foods.
- · WIC will help you in getting other services, like Immunizations, SNAP and Medicaid
- All information you give WIC will be kept private.
- If you disagree with a decision regarding your WIC eligibility, you may request a fair hearing. Your request must be made within 60 calendar days of when the written denial or termination of benefits was mailed or given to you. WIC staff can give you the steps to request a hearing.
- If you feel you have been discriminated against you may file a complaint.
- . Standards for eligibility for WIC are the same for everyone, regardless of race, color, national origin, age, disability or sex.

Your Responsibilities:

- · Provide the most current and truthful information (WIC staff may verify this information is correct)
- . Be the legal guardian, custodial parent, step parent married to the minor's parent, or foster parent of any minor you enroll in WIC.
- Keep your appointments and be on time. If you cannot keep your appointment, call your local WIC office to reschedule as soon as
 possible.
- . Bring all documentation requested to each appointment
- . Treat WIC and store staff with courtesy and respect.
- Buy only the foods listed on your WIC checks. Use the WIC foods only for the person on the program.
- · Report address and/or phone changes at your next scheduled appointment.
- . Keep your WIC checks safe; lost/stolen checks may not be replaceable

I Understand:

- My signature on this form allows staff of the SNAP and SNAP Nutrition Education Program; Medicaid; Perinatal, Child and Adolescent Health Unit; CSFP; and Immunization programs to see the information for purposes of outreach, referral, eligibility, and for administrative processes. They cannot share the information with a third party.
- That if I intentionally lie to receive WIC benefits or if I violate the program rules that 1) my family can be taken off the program for up to
 one year, 2) I can face legal charges, and/or 3) I will have to pay money back to the program for foods or formula I should not have
 received.
- Presumptive eligible pregnant women found to have no nutritional risk within the first 60 days of certification will no longer be eligible for the Program and will receive no additional benefits.
- WIC may ask for social security number as allowed by law to verify Medicaid participation when applicable and for administrative purposes, such as, to prevent participation in more than one WIC program at the same time. Providing your number is optional.

I have been advised and received a copy of my WIC rights and responsibilities. The information that I provided to WIC is correct and current.

RELATIONSHIP TO APPLICANT (Check One)							
SIGNATURE	Self	Guardian/ Custodial Parent	Foster Parent	Other	Date		

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DUAL PARTICIPATION		
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Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish).

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